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Statement by House Majority Leader on Passing of Student Success and Teacher Quality Bill out of the Education Committee

Tallahassee, Fla. – Florida House Majority Leader Carlos Lopez-Cantera (R-Miami) today issued the following statement regarding the Education Committee’s passing of HB 7019 Education Personnel on Student Success and Teacher Quality.

“The Student Success and Teacher Quality bill had overwhelming public support in committee today with 13 individuals sharing public testimony, 11 for and only two against. The key to real progress in education reform is retaining our state’s best and brightest educators by rewarding high-performing teachers. This legislation properly rewards those successful teachers and keeps them in the classrooms with students who need them the most.

“Additionally, it aligns educator performance evaluations and compensation systems with the agreements already contained in the Race to the Top grant program. School districts and charter schools will adopt instructional personnel and school administrator performance evaluation systems that are at least 50% based on student learning growth, recognizing each student’s unique starting point.

“By filling our classrooms with high performing teachers, we will give every child in Florida both the opportunity to receive a quality education and the best chance for future success.”

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